Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A system for initiating a witness audit comprising:
one or more computers configured to
periodically receive input specifying a query to a central database storing information representing a plurality of available audits <u>required to obtain or maintain an accreditation</u>, each of the queries based on requirements of the witness audit including at least one of ~~time period,~~ SIC code and accreditation type;
for each of the queries, provide a list of the available audits responsive to the query;
display one or more scheduled dates for a selected audit;
receive input representing a confirmation of the one or more scheduled dates for the selected audit; and
store the confirmation in a corresponding field of the central database.